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Photo submitted by Matt Duchene

ALL-STAR WEEKEND: Haliburton hockey star Matt Duchene was in Nashville, Tennesse for the All-Star Game on Jan. 30-31. His family attended to cheer on Duchene and the other Central team players. The Pacific Division team won the championship with a 1-0 victory against the Atlantic Division in the final. From left; Vince, Chris and Matt Duchene and Matt's girlfriend, Ashley Grossaint.

Fire destroys barn near Eagle Lake

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

A barn at The Farm on Eagle Lake Road was destroyed in a fire yesterday morning.

Dysart firefighters responded to a call at 2311 Eagle Lake Rd around 11 a.m. The main barn, located on the 100-acre property, was engulfed in flames by the time firefighters arrived.

"The hay was a challenge," said Dysart fire Chief Miles Maughan. "It burned for a long time. We had to let it smolder overnight."

He said a detached garage was also affected by the blaze. He added they were able to prevent the fire from spreading to other structures.

Firefighters worked to put out the blaze until about 4:30 p.m.

Maughan said one person was at home when the fire started. That person was not aware of the blaze until a passerby notified them.

The barn animals managed to get out safely. Most of the horses were out in the field, Maughan said. Two dogs perished in the blaze.

The cause of the fire was unknown as of Feb. 10 and an investigation was ongoing.

Maughan said the damage to the barn is approximately $250,000.

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County backs faster Internet in HE

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The County of Haliburton is investing $200,000 to bring high-speed Internet to the fire station in Paudash Lake and the EMS base in Tory Hill.

Mike March, manager of IT for the County of Haliburton, and county treasurer Elaine Taylor asked council to allow the county to act on its behalf and enter into a 10-year master services agreement with Bell Canada for high-speed Internet. The municipality is being asked to pay for annual operating costs, as well as maintenance and replacement costs for some of the equipment.

"While Bell stated that there won't be any immediate benefit on day one by building fibre to these sites, we are laying the fibre infrastructure that hopefully either Bell or other ISP [internet service providers] will be able to provide high-speed Internet services in some of these areas, which are traditionally underserviced," said March.

The breakdown of the investment is $120,000 for the fire station and $80,000 for the EMS base.

Bell has agreed to pay for the fibre expansion to the Gooderham building department and library, the Wilberforce township office and the Wilberforce library.

The new monthly costs will go from $10,400 to $13,200. The portion the municipality will need to pay is increasing by more than $3,000 to $7,500.

Twenty-four public buildings throughout the county will receive high-speed, which runs at a speed of 100 Megabits per second. The service is symmetrical, which means upload and download speeds are the same.

The county is paying $357,000 for the project, but Bell "will be covering the capital of fibre to many of our sites," he said. The dollar value of their investment has not been revealed.

County councillors approved the deal through a municipal broadband project led by the Eastern Ontario Regional Network at the end of last month.

The county currently pays $900 per month for a similar service through Rogers, said March. By switching to Bell it will cut the bill to $475. The contract also offers the county a 46-60 per cent discount on digital subscriber line (DSL).

As of May 31, Rogers will be shutting down wireless services to eight sites throughout the county.

"It's wonderful to see a fibre backbone coming across the county," said councillor Joan Barton, who called the project "excellent."

She pointed out the Wilberforce library, which is the site of the municipality's council meetings, is heavily used. Since the geocaching program is targeted at tourists and requires "high-quality Internet access," Barton wanted to know if the library could be upgraded from DSL to fibre.

"The reason I didn't choose fibre for initially here ... is because I didn't hear about too many problems here," said March, who was under the impression the installation would be covered by Bell if requested in the next 90 days.

Participating municipalities have 90 days to sign their own schedule of services with Bell to take advantage of the pricing offered in the agreement.

He said he would discuss this request with county council and inquire if the county would cover the costs.

Councillor Cecil Ryall asked about bringing high-speed to the Robert McCausland Community Centre in Gooderham. March said a tower would have to be built on the fire hall to share fibre optics with the building department. He said he would look into the options available for bringing fibre optics or DSL service directly to the community centre.

Council approved March's request to enter into the 10-year agreement and reimburse the county for monthly fees associated with the service.





Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Jen Hearn chats with Gena Robertson, executive director of SIRCH. Right: Tammi Huffman prepares a plate.

Cook It Up prepares trainees for employment

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Ten local residents are gaining invaluable skills through SIRCH's Cook It Up program.

Baked and Battered, a local eatery in Haliburton, was abuzz with activity on Monday for the launch of the second season of the program. Each visitor received a Valentine-themed lunch prepared by the trainees, all of whom are gaining experience in the food service industry.

Alisha Lafleur, SIRCH's food initiatives coordinator, said more than 600 meals were served during last year's pilot project. An average of 60-65 people attended each week.

"We're hoping to have the same or better turnout this season," said Lafleur. "It's been pretty busy here today so people are finding out about it quite quickly."

The trainees just finished four weeks of in-class training covering kitchen theory and safe food handling. They will also learn about Smart Serve, Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) and job-seeking skills.

The program's target is those who are unemployed or underemployed.

Each week's meal is planned by a different trainee. Haliburton resident Jen Hearn developed the recent three-course offering, which included an appetizer and the "Lover's Delight" entree consisting of jumbo heart-shaped cheese and mushroom-stuffed meatball served on a bed of whole grain rice with oregano-seasoned baked tomato. Dessert was a strawberry heart pop tart.

Seven people were enrolled last year and each got jobs in local food establishments.

Each lunch is pay by donation, based on the philosophy of pay it forward.

"The way we market it is that they're helping pay for a meal for the next person who comes through the door."

Restaurant owners Colby Marcellus and Craig Gordon are offering their space to SIRCH for a nominal fee, said Lafleur.

SIRCH receives funding from Ontario Works in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Lunches are offered every Monday from noon to 2 p.m., with the exception of Feb. 15 and March 28. The last day is April 25.

For more information call Lafleur at 705-457-1742 ext. 27.

Highlander news

E-cigarettes off limits for minors

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Minors can no longer buy e-cigarettes.

The new Electronic Cigarettes Act came into effect Jan. 1, prohibiting the sale and supply of e-cigarettes and their vaping components to anyone under the age of 19.

And that's a good thing, says Kris Kadwell, tobacco control officer with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit. He says e-cigarettes have become popular with local teens.

"I think they're using them partly because it's a novelty, it's something new," said Kadwell.

While he admits it's likely a healthier option than smoking cigarettes, there's still not enough information available about the potential health risks.

"It's kind of like when tobacco first came out. Doctors were recommending it."

The act defines electronic or e-cigarettes as "a vaporizer or inhalant-type device ... that contains a power source and heating element designed to heat a substance and produce a vapour intended to be inhaled by the user."

In many cases, smokers use the devices to cut back or kick the habit completely.

A recent study from Harvard University's School of Public Health found a chemical in the majority of flavoured e-cigarettes has been linked to severe respiratory disease. Another study, published by the New England Journal of Medicine in early 2015, found e-cigarettes produced formaldehyde, a known carcinogen.

There are more than 7,000 e-cigarette flavours, otherwise known as e-juice, currently available on the market. Bubblegum, cherry and candy cane are just a few examples. Some contain nicotine and others don't.

Researchers at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center in Honolulu say teens who have never smoked before, but use e-cigarettes, are almost three times more likely to become cigarette smokers within a year of starting. The data was collected through surveys of more than 2,300 high school students in Hawaii, most of whom were in grades 9 and 10.

Since 1998, the teen tobacco smoking rate has dropped from 30 to about nine per cent across the province, said Kadwell. He is concerned e-cigarettes could reverse this trend.

"It normalizes smoking again," he said.

Over the coming months, Kadwell will provide a fact sheet and the required signs to the 15 or so affected retailers in the county. The signs—both of which are yellow with black and white lettering—state buyers must be 19 and older, and government-issued identification must be presented if it's requested.

"The smaller sign is supposed to face the person doing the transaction and the large sign is supposed to be facing the person who's going to be purchasing them," he explained.

Rhonda Cooper, owner of Needful Things in Haliburton, has been selling e-cigarettes and a variety of e-juice flavours for the past year. She first heard about the new legislation on the radio in December.

"We weren't 100 per cent sure if they were going to go through with it," said Cooper, who declined to comment about the new restrictions.

She first brought the products into her store a year ago when a customer inquired for personal use. They've been a hit ever since.

"It's mostly adults, people trying to quit smoking," said Cooper.

Many teens ask for the products, but she has tried to only sell to those over the age of 19.

"We weren't strict [about] it. If someone looked of age, we didn't ask for ID."

She said she will continue to carry the products in the store.

A business owner in Minden who wished to remain anonymous supports the new legislation. She has been selling the products for six months.

"I think it's great," said the middle-aged woman. "I had a 12-year-old on the side come up to me and ask me [about buying e-cigarettes]. It's not my choice to make their choice to smoke or not smoke."

Even before the act came into effect, she wasn't selling the products to anyone under the age of 19. If they looked underage she would ask for ID.

She herself has cut back on cigarettes thanks to this alternative.

"I've come down quite a bit. I may have a puff or two, but that's my choice. If somebody really wants to quit, they can do it."

Shawn Crant, owner of Venom Vapes in Port Coquitlan, B.C., also believes e-cigarettes shouldn't be sold to minors.

"We agree—we don't want to entice the youth," said Crant.

He wants the industry to be regulated and stresses the importance of educating customers about the products. His company has been selling Canadian-made e-juice for the past three years.

> *It normalizes smoking again.*
>
> Kris **Kadwell**
> Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

"My juice, when there's zero nicotine, I show everybody and taste it for them."

Ingredients in his line include propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, natural extract and nicotine (if necessary). All products are pharmaceutical grade, he said.

In the future, the health unit will visit stores to ensure compliance, said Kadwell. Test shoppers between the ages of 15 and 17 will try to buy an e-cigarette.

"If one is sold without asking for identification there can be charges associated with that, very similar to the charges associated with selling tobacco products to persons under 19," he said.

The minimum fine for selling to someone under the age of 19 is $365. Fines for repeat offenders can go upwards of $4,000 for an individual and $10,000 for a corporation.

Two local vendors were charged for selling tobacco products to underage test shoppers last November, said Kadwell. Three tobacco vendors were charged in July and August. All of the charges were for the minimum fine of $365.

For more information about e-cigarettes or the act, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577 or visit hkpr.on.ca.



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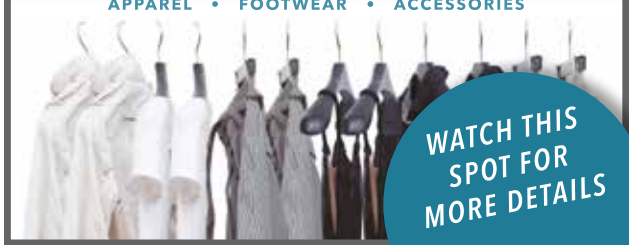
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Editorial opinion

To vape, or not to vape



By Jennifer Hughey

Smoking is smoking, no matter what you choose to inhale.

Recently, I was in a restaurant for a going away party and a co-worker pulled out an e-cigarette, took a long pull and blew out a massive cloud of smoke. No one batted an eye.

That changed last month.

As of Jan. 1 the *Making Healthier Choices Act* came into force. The goal is to enhance public health by enacting the *Healthy Menu Choices Act*, 2015 and the *Electronic Cigarettes Act*, 2015 and by amending the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act*.

In 2011, one in five, or about 5.8 million Canadians smoked cigarettes, according to Statistics Canada. Those who start smoking and become addicted to nicotine find it difficult to quit. There are drugs to assist people in quitting, patches, gum. You name it.

The newest fad smoking habit is vaping, defined as the act of inhaling water vapor, (sometimes flavoured) through an electronic, tobacco-free version of a traditional cigarette. It has been marketed as a way to quit smoking, so add it to the list.

People often try things because they have seen other people doing it, and this is no different. Young people everywhere are making the e-cigarette industry very profitable. Cigarette smoking fell far more among teens 15 to 19 years old compared to any other age group in 2011. But it is still the number one cause of premature death in Canada.

Enter the province's Bill 45, (*Making Healthier Choices Act*) which allows adults to purchase and use e-cigarettes, but makes it illegal to sell them to anyone under 19. It also bans vaping in all the spaces where smoking cigarettes is not allowed, like restaurants, bars and movie theatres. Signs must be visibly posted in all businesses that the use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited. More severely, vapers will be fined for using near doorways, playgrounds and event centres. Just like cigarettes.

So, has vaping become really become something that could put an end to smoking carcinogens, or dirty old cigarettes? Sure, if they use the flavours that are nicotine free. But you could absolutely say smokers are only replacing one bad habit with another.

A recent study from Harvard University's School of Public Health found a chemical in the majority of flavoured e-cigarettes has been linked to severe respiratory disease. Other studies are referenced in what Bill 45 means for some employers in the county.

Is vaping really safe? Given the few ingredients in the e-juice compared to the chemical stew in a cigarette, it sounds like it. But vapers have to make up their own minds. There is enough consumer information out there to raise health questions about electronic vaping, but there seem to be conflicting reports and opinions. Some say it helps cigarette smokers.

Smoking statistics suggest our society is evolving away from smoking. It would be tragic if the war on tobacco, where victory is within our grasp, is subverted by this new technology. Whether you vape or smoke, it's an individual choice.

It's a bad idea in either case, but I don't have to tell you that.

A changed community



By Charlie Teljeur

A very rural thing happened to me last week. I had one of those intense, involved, community-related discussions smack dab in the center of town. Right there, on main street, with traffic rolling by (eight pick-ups by my count). We were oblivious to it all, deeply engaged in discussion to worry about distractions of any kind.

While I won't name my partner in crime, let it be known he's a fine upstanding citizen of this area, so passionate about his adopted rural life you'd think the guy was born here. Alas, he qualifies mainly as a "newcomer," the same designation I had some 30 some years ago when my ship first hit shore. I've put in many years since then but I think you have to be well into double-digit years before you lose that new car smell to the locals.

Like all local discussions this one started randomly, two ships simply passing on the street. Of course the weather was the first topic. Having March weather in January is certainly something worth talking about. This then led to the problem of how the lack of snow directly impacts our local economy and that's when he dropped a bomb I've yet to recover from.

My reply to him was simply the knee jerk reaction we all tend to say in this situation, something along the lines of how not having snow is a swift kick to the midsection for our tenuous tourist trade. His response to that was something that hit me as both revealing and frankly, stunningly accurate. His proclamation, you ask? The Haliburton Highlands really isn't so much a tourist area anymore as it is a part-time residents' community. That is, the vast majority of people who flock to this area aren't staying in at Inns or hotels. They have cottages or part-time lodgings of some kind. They're short-term citizens, not tourists.

While this may sound blasphemous to hear, it's actually very true. Decades ago Haliburton County truly was a tourist destination. That's the very reason my family moved up here in the first place. We purchased a lodge on Lake Kashagawigamog in the 1970s, one of (get this) at least 10 resorts on that chain of lakes alone at the time. Add to that similar businesses in other parts of the county like the Highway 35 corridor and you had an abundance of places for people to stay at a time when visitors really wanted to do the lakeside family accommodation thing.

But those days are long gone. Any resorts you see left anywhere in Ontario (let alone the few left here) are posh, severely upscale resorts catering to a totally different clientele and new way of thinking about rural life. Most people now don't want to visit cottage country. They want to own a piece of it. This is very obvious if you look at the number of people who live up here for part of the year and the relative health of the local real estate sector.

Aside from special events like hockey tournaments or the odd concert or event, visitors here are less and less likely to do the touristy thing and actually pay for a temporary stay at a resort or to rent a cottage for the week. The community has transformed before our eyes without most of us being acutely aware it's happened.

What was particularly insightful about my conversation partner's point of view was not just this revelation, but his solution as a reaction to the issue. Instead of concentrating so many resources and such effort to reviving an old model he said, we should market the area for its quality of living and the way of life. Essentially selling the area to the people wanting to live in a community like this, rather than this constant struggle to revive tourism by way of one day events and day-trippers. As I've heard it said before, if it doesn't put heads in beds it's not really benefiting the community to the degree it can.

If the focus becomes more about accepting the marketplace and promoting the area for its attractive lifestyle, it's likely to have a broader and deeper impact on the whole community than an industry based on sporadic events and fickle weather. Sure, tourism still matters he said. But the thing that will get people up here is the same thing that attracted him to come in the first place.

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Clarification:

Re: "County bringing faster Internet to...county" (*The Highlander* issue 222, page 1) Rogers is not shutting down their wireless cellular network. However, they are eliminating some dated equipment providing service to a very small number of businesses in the region. There is no impact on consumers using Rogers.

Correction:

In *The Highlander* issue 222, we reported the front page photo SUNDAY FUN DAY was submitted by Chris Bishop. We would like to properly acknowledge the photographer as Tim Tofflemire. *The Highlander* regrets this error.

Editorial opinion

WeeWisdom

Home



By Anabelle Craig

When you're away from home, what do you miss the most?

Do you miss your pets, your bed or your family or friends? Do you miss your work or your house? When you were a kid – did you miss anything in particular and what about now that you're older? If you weren't born here, are you homesick? Do you miss the peace and quiet of that place or the hustle and bustle of that city?

When I am away, I miss my cello. It has grown with me and been my friend and foe since I was five. I can't bring it with me because it is too big and when I am away, I miss playing it and learning new songs. I miss the music it creates.

I also miss my home. Wherever I travel, something always reminds me of home and I feel slightly homesick. But why? Is it because everything I call my own is there? Is it because I have always lived there? Is it the beautiful scenery that is Haliburton County? Is it all my pets and my bedroom? I think the reason is because it's familiar.

According to the world of the Internet, the most missed things when people travel are their pets, their bathroom, their bed and their kids.

I recently surveyed 50 people and asked them what they missed the most when they are away from home. And the majority of people said their pets or family. But some said their mom's cooking or their own space. But mainly they said they missed the feeling of home.

But what is that feeling?

I had the opportunity to meet a very interesting young couple from Toronto. They told me they are going on a road trip to Mexico and then off to British Columbia for six months. They had converted their Toyota 4-Runner into a mini RV. The couple was also traveling with their dog, which was a rescue from Mexico. This dog, Cali, gets very homesick, so they decided they would make a box that fits perfectly into the front seat of their vehicle for Cali's dog bed. Until now I didn't know dogs got homesick, but I suppose it makes sense. My dog has a little kennel we call his bed. It's his safe place, his home.

The guy, Jason, was originally from Vancouver and is missing the mountains. Being an avid camper and canoeist, he is homesick for the nature, the mountains and everything British Columbia has to offer.

When I asked them what they would miss from their Ontario home, they said they would miss their couch the most. It's the place where they cuddled with each other while watching a movie, where friends crashed when they needed a bed, the place where memories were made.

This sounds like home. A feeling rather than a place.

And as one girl from Kansas with fantastic red shoes once said, "There's no place like home."

I tend to agree.

LETTERS ON PAGE 6

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Jill Moulton

A fresh layer of ice covers a forest in Ingoldsby.

TheOutsider



The importance of being Dave

By Will Jones

No, not David Bowie.

I get that Mr. Bowie and his spiders from Mars were a seminal part of many people's lives. I even like a few of his tunes. The outpouring of Internet grief, the clamouring of public figures to be recognized as someone who loved Bowie, the blanket playing of his tunes on the radio for days afterwards – so much so that I had to listen to The Wolf to escape them – left me somewhat cold. But then I guess I'm a heartless swine with no real musical taste.

Suits me.

You see, in my house there are other more important Daves, two of them to be precise. The first is a Dave with whom I grew up. He was there every step of the way and he's still around, albeit a little more infrequently now but he's never let me down. The second is a Dave I've met while living in Canada and he's come to be my go-to man if ever I'm feeling down.

So important to me are these Daves, I introduced Little Z to them at the earliest opportunity. The result is that my six-year-old son knows them both well by now and we visit with them at least once every weekend.

"Daddy, let's get Dave," is often Little Z's first utterance on a Saturday morning, as he shakes me from my reverie, while his mother is still far away in dreamland. And so we do. We sneak down stairs and I make hot chocolate while he gets Dave. Or, to be precise, he finds a DVD from my exhaustive collection of David Attenborough series.

Sir David Attenborough, to be precise; nature documentary maker and presenter, Commander of the British Empire (CBE) and the single most important influence upon my love of nature and the outdoors from the time I was 10-years-old, when his *Life on Earth* series first aired on TV, until the present day.

We huddle together on the sofa, hot chocolates in hand, eyes glued to the screen as 'Dave' – Little Z's rather over-familiar with him if you ask me – takes us on another amazing tour of faraway places in search of yet more wondrous creatures, plants or birds.

We sit entranced for an hour. My only concession to the on-screen natural wonders is the odd glance down at my own little miracle to check out, with an affectionate smile, just how enraptured he is by my hero, the TV personality that took on almost mythical status in my life when I was just a few years older than Little Z and whom still has the same hold over me some 35 years later.

And then there's the other Dave, a fellow I've come to know since moving to Canada and someone my son has taken a shine to in just the last month or so. This Dave is not quite so esteemed or polished a professional as Sir David Attenborough, in fact he could be described as a bit of a klutz. But, that said, he is a guy many of you will also know and love. I don't actually even know this Dave's second name but I'm sure you'll recognize him when I mention that his wife is called Morley.

I stumbled upon Dave and Morley, those wonderful characters created and brought to life by broadcaster Stuart McLean, while driving some place on a weekend some time ago. I don't remember any of the details of the trip but I do remember listening to the Vinyl Cafe and laughing out loud at a story about Dave, who yearned for a go on his friend's very expensive custom-built bicycle. Quite how Mr. McLean could conjure up a story that culminated in Dave being strapped to the bike, strapped to the roof rack of a car, is beyond my pitiful powers as a writer but oh how I laughed. And from then on I was in awe of the story telling skills of McLean and entranced by the hum drum life of Dave.

Little Z was just a tiny baby when I listened to that first story but he has grown up with Dave and Morley on in the background. Now, however, he is at an age when these stories that mummy and daddy laugh at are starting to be of interest. And, when Santa brought me a collection of Dave and Morley stories for Christmas, he sat and listened with us when we played the first couple.

I watched Little Z as I chuckled at the story. His face was equal measure a study in concentration and then a sparkle of laughter as in one story Dave tried to speak to a police officer with mouth still half frozen after visiting the dentist; or in another Dave ducked and yelled as his sister's cat exploded from the trunk of his car and made a claws-out escape over the top of his head.

"Can we listen to another one, Daddy, pleeeease?"

That's my boy.

And so, while Dave may like Mr. Bowie and stock a few of the musician's records in his little store, The Vinyl Cafe, until Sir Dave proves to me and my boy there really are spiders from Mars, Ziggy Stardust is low billing around here compared to my two more important Daves.

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: *Where do you volunteer in your community?*



Charlie Davis
Haliburton

For the past 10 years, I've been volunteering at the Fish Hatchery.



Colby Marcellus
Haliburton

I've volunteered with the radio stations and with a number of events in town. We use our shop on off days to host youth groups and SIRCH's Cook it Up program.



Don van Nood
Haliburton

I don't do a lot of the work, but we provide a lot of financial assistance in town through money or products. My wife works for the Lion's Club, SIRCH and Hospice.



Gordon Cochrane
Haliburton Lake

For the last four years, I've helped run basketball camp for kids in the area. I'm also an assistant coach for the HHSS senior basketball team. I've also been a Big Brother for about six years.



Len Salvatori
Haliburton

I help out at the Fish Hatchery.

Photos and interviews by Alex Coop

A conflict of interest

Dear editor,

Reeve Burton's remarks reported by the media clearly outline his direct conflict of interest, influencing and procurement attributed to a company founded by him.

The entire presentation is absurd and in retrospect clearly demonstrates dictatorial and mistrust directed at the roads and other employees. Tracking what they are doing or of being involved in suspicious activity, is making statements that verge on harassment, false accusation and is not meaningful to anyone.

Caution to the wind if the municipality is concerned about "legal battles." The cost for this so-called technology exceeds $32,500 based on the $1,500 for each of the approximate 21 trucks. Not sure if this included grader(s), loader(s) and such. If not, costs will be even higher. Additional monthly software fee between $15-$35 per month plus the cost for investigative services would apply. Needless to say all costs would be on the backs of the taxpayers of Highlands East.

Have I peeked anyone's interest and concern yet?

I agree with CAO Shannon Hunter's request for RFPs from other companies, however seeing there has been a quote presented from Burton's company, it could be construed other companies would have an unfair advantage when presenting their costs for service.

To put roads and other employees under a microscope and scrutinize their every move is unacceptable. Why do we have a roads supervisor and other supervisors if not to "supervise" staff under their direction? Productivity will not prevail if this technology is put into vehicles. We do not need or cannot afford it. What and who keeps a watch on council member activities?

It appears roads superintendent Earl Covert feels nine employees are not enough to carry out roads activities. Even with one employee being on sick leave, it still leaves eight roads employees on staff. Even with vacation time, the municipality hires students to cut grass in parks, cemeteries and other areas.

We have Jim Alden as property supervisor, Glen Covert who looks after landfills and only requires roads assistance to cover debris when necessary. I thought we had Curtis Tighe looking after trails. If he doesn't, then why are we employing him if, according to Earl Covert, roads department is responsible for maintenance of the trail system? This function would be null and void in the winter months as snowmobile associations take on that role.

It was also reported wages for a general equipment operator is based on a 40-hour work week. Information secured is the roads crew works a four day work week during the summer, however are paid for 40 hours to cover accrued over time during the winter months. If, however, it is imperative to hire yet another employee – temporary employment would be the way to go, seeing the position would be for a limited time frame.

On the other hand, how many administrators and administrative assistants do we need? An overlapping of functions is prevalent and perhaps a reality check is required.

Beverly MacDuff
Highlands East

Community garden thanks

Dear editor,

The Wilberforce community gardeners and committee members would like to thank the following people and corporations for their generous donations and help in transforming this dream into a reality.

We thank the Township of Highlands East for making available the property next to the beautiful new library on Holmes Drive and we thank the township employees who worked hard on the set up at the garden site. We have 100 by 50 feet of fenced-in gardening space, divided into eight 24 by 24 foot plots and a water supply.

We thank Megan Stong, Public Health Food Worker at the HKPR District Health Unit for her tireless efforts to get this off the ground for us! We appreciate her rising above and beyond the call of duty and her very positive attitude. This never would have happened without her commitment.

We thank CRS in Haliburton for their very generous donation of the tiller for our fall clean up, delivered and serviced with a big smile.

We thank Klapow's Planning Mill for their generous donation of wood shavings for mulching our vegetables and walkways.

If we have left anyone out, we didn't intend to, so thank you, thank you to all who have helped. We are all very grateful for your kindness, generosity and hard work.

We would like to extend an invitation to residents of the Wilberforce area to join our Gardening Community for the 2016 season. We have a few plots available and will be getting started as soon as Mother Nature allows us to.

This was our first year in the garden and it was very productive. We had brand new gardeners and seasoned pros that worked very hard and shared in the enjoyment of harvesting the many delicious fruits of our labour. If you love gardening but don't have the space at home to plant one or would like to try your hand at growing a few vegetables for your dinner table, become a member of our community garden!

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Cheryl Riley
Wilberforce



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Highlander news

OPP remind motorists to lock up

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to numerous reports of thefts from motor vehicles last week.

A total of five vehicles were entered by unknown suspect(s). Loose change was stolen from each vehicle.

Police are reminding residents to lock their vehicles and to report suspicious behaviour around vehicles as quickly as possible.

Anyone having information on these crimes or any others is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Anonymous information can also be reported to Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.khcs.ca where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to $2,000.

Highlighting Haliburton's best kept secrets

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Patrick Kennedy has no shortage of ideas when it comes to promoting what he calls Haliburton's best kept secret.

"The economic draw [Haliburton's] five-lake water system could have for the municipality is huge," said Kennedy, a member of the township's recently formed economic development committee. "We're sitting on a gold mine."

Since October 2014, Kennedy has been working hard with the township parks and recreation committee to enliven Dysart's multiple waterfronts.

It began with a conversation with Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, who encouraged him to look at ways to improve public access to the waterfronts. Kennedy, who had just retired as the municipality's emergency medical services director, accepted the challenge.

He quickly became inspired by the waterfronts located in Florida.

"We had the opportunity to go to Kissimmee, which is just south of Orlando, to watch a bass tournament weigh-in and I was in shock and awe with what they had done to their waterfront development," he said.

Kissimmee's various waterfronts had highly developed access points that made it easy for everyone, including people with physical disabilities, to use them.

Upon his return, Kennedy and his wife Cheryl went to nearly every boat launch in Dysart to see how they could be improved. It became clear waterfront signage needed upgrades. Many of them were in poor condition or confusing. There were areas that needed signage but had none. At the same time, he realized there was an opportunity to build a business model to take further advantage of Haliburton's lakes and rivers.

"It all kind of tied together," he said.

Kennedy submitted an unsolicited report to Dysart council last June, which outlined plans to improve signage, but also included a business model dubbed "Park n' Paddle." He presented his ideas to the township's parks and recreation committee in October, proposing new water-based sports and recreation programs for permanent residents and cottagers.

Head Lake was a focus.

"I'd love to see the dockage increased there ... have kayaks and canoes available for rent, so you could actually kayak or canoe on the lake but also have key destinations to go to like the sculpture forest and the museum," Kennedy said.

"It would create that great atmosphere in Haliburton when it comes to enjoying our water resources."

Barrie Martin, founder of Yours Outdoors and co-chair of the Haliburton Highlands tourism stakeholders group, said the Park n' Paddle concept is an excellent step towards further promoting the municipality's bodies of water.

"Our biggest asset is our lakes … it's a real tourism asset that hasn't fully been exploited yet," he said.

"A natural extension would be to put greater effort into protecting our portages, which we are losing to development."

Incorporating some of Park n' Paddle's concepts into the Hike Haliburton Festival is another possibility, Martin said.

Kennedy agrees.

"I'd love to see at least one of the water trails included in this year's festival."

Last month, Kennedy and Andrea Mueller, recreation program coordinator for Dysart, applied to the Ontario Community Sports and Recreation Fund for a $50,000 grant.

Money would go towards water access and the promotion of physical recreation and fitness opportunities. These two points were emphasized in Kennedy's report to the parks and recreation committee. Kennedy said he hopes to know by spring whether or not the application was successful.

Dysart CAO Tamara Wilbee said the municipality's short-term goal is to pick five lakes this year and five lakes in 2017 that could work with the lake associations and the public to develop a working business model.

Fearrey said he is confident a business model could be developed.

"It all needs to be thought through, but any time we can create an opportunity for families to hang around town, buy some lunch, visit nearby stores, it adds to Haliburton being a welcoming place. That's what we're trying to accomplish."

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Meetings & Events

February 11, 2016
9:00 am, COTW, Minden Council Chambers

February 16, 2016
9:00 am, Special Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Please Note: Council will continue its 2016 Budget Deliberations during the February 16, 2016 Special Council Meeting

February 25, 2016
9:00 am, Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Please Note: Public Meeting will be held for 2016 Draft Budget.

Notice of Special Council Meeting

Take Notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to continue with the 2016 Draft Budget deliberations.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext 205 or email: dnewhook@mindenhills.ca

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Notice of Public Meeting

Take Notice, a Public Meeting will be held regarding the 2016 Draft Budget on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or email: dnewhook@mindenhills.ca

Highlander business



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Ron Gambell and Suwan Khamduang share a photo of their home in Thailand. The couple spend a few months there each year.

An entrepreneurial Thai girl's journey to Minden

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Suwan Khamduang remembers the moment she learned the skills that would eventually lead her to open Suwan's Thai Cuisine in Minden.

The owner of the popular restaurant on Invergordon Avenue was a teenager in a small village in Buriram province in the northeast of Thailand.

Khamduang would walk about 10 km to school each week and stayed with a family that put her up in exchange for rice as rent. In the mornings and evenings, she would help her hosts prepare and sell food at a market.

"When I look back, that's where I learned," she said. "I think I started with them."

Returning to her family's farm during school break, Khamduang used the skills she had learned and the new concepts she had seen to start a noodle stand of her own.

"My sister said, 'you can't do that!,' but that's what I saw in the city," said Khamduang. "When I think to do something, I can figure it out."

The noodle stand became a success.

"In the summer, the whole village came," she said. "And by midnight, everything was gone."

She spent profits on baskets and pots to improve the stand each year.

"When I think of it, it's really amazing," she said.

As a young adult, Khamduang lived on a sugar cane farm with her first husband and cared for their daughter, May. She helped care for the farm workers by cooking food for their lunch, which they would eat in the field.

Khamduang's husband was a good man, but too charming, according to her.

With money from their divorce, Khamduang bought a small farm next to her family and supported the family who lived on it. She offered small loans to village people. She began selling dry food from village to village as well.

"It was enough to survive, but not enough to send May to school," said Khamduang. "We had just enough to live on, but I couldn't save for her university."

Khamduang made the difficult decision to leave May with her grandmother, and left the village for Bangkok.

"I decided when I had earned 50,000 baht (about $2,000), I would come back to the village," she said.

She left by train with about $50 Canadian in her pocket and moved in with a cousin who worked in a factory for $10 a month. For Khamduang, a farm girl, the smell of the factory was offensive and she soon wanted to move on.

"I come from a farm," she said. "I'd put my nose to the window, and I thought, 'I'll die if I stay longer.'"

Khamduang began to sell barbequed eggs on the streets of Bangkok, earning $50 a month. She continued to find jobs with better pay, building her skill set.

While on the island of Phuket studying massage, she met her second husband. He was a Canadian who wanted to operate a hotel and restaurant business.

Using skills she had learned throughout her life, Khamduang offered different services at the hotel, including clothes mending and travel ticket sales. She soon had the money for May's schooling.

Though their marriage didn't last much longer, Khamduang is grateful the man taught her so much and brought her and May to Canada in 1994.

"When I came to Canada, I wanted only one million baht, almost $40,000, before I returned to the village," she laughed.

Khamduang worked at Tiger Restaurant on Highway 48 between Sutton and Pefferlaw. She met Minden resident Ron Gambell as a diner at the restaurant and the two connected.

In 2000, Khamduang told Gambell she wanted a kitchen, but he suggested she try selling antiques first. After much persistence, Gambell finally gave in and Khamduang opened a tea room.

"Then this became us, what we do," she said.

Now, Suwan's Thai Cuisine serves more than 100 customers on some days. Most importantly, the day Khamduang arrived in Canada, she began an education fund for her daughter, and was able to help pay for her diploma and degree in business.

"I did it," she said. "It feels good. I'm very, very proud. I came from a very small village, but anything can be done, whatever you want to do."

Khamduang and Gambell return to Thailand for several months each year, shutting the restaurant despite phone calls from customers who are sometimes in tears because they can't get their takeout. They visit Khamduang's family, look after their property and are welcomed to take part in village celebrations.

Khamduang said things are different there now. In the past, people would help each other more and would make things rather than buy things. But Khamduang's sister is still there, living a very traditional life.

"One day, I showed her my lipstick," said Khamduang. "She said to me, 'I can buy a pig for this!'"

Khamduang's family is proud of where her entrepreneurial spirit and sense of adventure have taken her, as is Gambell.

"She's absolutely amazing," he said. "It's a rags to riches story. She had $17 in her pocket when she came to Canada, and look at her now."

Suwan's Thai Cuisine will reopen in April.

Highlander business

Nomi opens its doors

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Nomi Resort and Wellness hosted its grand opening event, dubbed "Winterlicious," on Feb. 6.

The evening included dinner and live entertainment from vocalist Belinda Brady and her band. Local performers Abby Blythe Hagerman, Jennifer Chapman, Amanda Rico and Jessica Madamba joined Brady for her opening performance during cocktail hour.

Eighty-five people were in attendance.

Previously known as White Pine Shores, Nomi Resort is under new ownership. It is located off Elephant Lake Road in Harcourt.

According to their website, Nomi is "an all-inclusive resort and wellness place offering an innovative program designed to create lasting behaviour and lifestyle changes."





Photos by Mark Arike

Left: Belinda Brady, sings for guests. Right: Nomi's kitchen staff.

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Haliburton Highlands CHAMBER of COMMERCE

Service clubs 2016

County organizations welcoming new members

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Service clubs, organizations and societies around Haliburton are dwindling as aging members disappear and the community focus shifts to individual fundraisers and causes.

"Without growth, we would be extinct in 18 years," said Brian Moore of the Minden Lions Club. "Membership has aged, as today's 20-year-olds are less likely to become involved in a group. It is easier to just pick and choose causes as they come up."

Moore notes a 70-year-old Lions Club in Richmond Hill folded because it could not attract younger members and Barry Robb of the Arcadia Masonic Lodge said the society recently made the unprecedented decision to advertise to attract members. Of the 66 Masons, Robb said only 10 are under 50.

"I think young people are always looking for a purpose, for value to life, for a feeling of belonging and contributing to society in general and community in particular," said Robb.

Here is a guide to some service clubs, organizations and societies in Haliburton County looking to welcome new members of any age.

Minden Kin Club Inc.

Date established:
In Hamilton, Ont.: 1920
In Minden: 1956

Slogan: Serving the community's greatest need.

Current president: Andy Rickard

Chapters: Almost 500

Nations: Canada

Members:
Canada-wide: Around 6,500
Locally: 16

National focus: Cystic fibrosis, post-secondary bursaries, Canadian Blood Services and organ donor awareness, disaster relief, national day of KINdness

Local events hosted: Minden Kin Club Truck Pull and Show and Shine and Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs ice racing series.

Single biggest contribution to community: Around $20,000 to Minden Medical Centre. The Kin Club also donated $10,000 to the Minden Hospital palliative care project in 2015, the Minden Community Food Centre building in 2014 and toward flood relief efforts in Minden in 2013.

Regular causes: Food bank, local hospitals, Food For Kids student nutrition program, Catch the Cure (Angelman Syndrome research fundraiser) and offer to support local community needs as they arise for organizations or individuals.

Meeting time: Dinner meeting every other Monday, 6:30 p.m. Minden Lion's Club at 166 Bobcaygeon Rd.

Currently recruiting members?
Yes

More information:
mindenkinsmen.ca
705-935-0417

Rotary Club

Date established
In Chicago, Ill.: 1905
In Minden: 1947
In Haliburton: 1944

Motto: Service above self.

Current presidents:
Minden: Betty Mark
Haliburton: George Kadoke

Clubs: More than 30,000

Nations: More than 200

Members:
Globally: 1.2 million
Minden: 23
Haliburton: 26

Main focus: Global education, domestic and global community service and eradication of polio. With the help of global organizations including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation there are now only two countries in the world — Pakistan and Afghanistan — that still have reported cases of polio.

Local events hosted: **Minden:** Rotary dinner auction, Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival, Canada Day food booth, Deep Bay Road clean-up, maintenance of Rotary Garden on the Riverwalk, HHSS Radio Days, leadership training and youth exchange programs.

Haliburton: Rotary community Christmas and skating party, Carnival, Music in the Park, Canoe Rotary radio day, Voyageur Cup, Lobsterfest, annual car draw.

Single biggest contribution to community: **Minden:** Rotary Park and its upgrade, which includes new picnic tables to the park, some which are wheelchair accessible. Minden Rotary also played a large part in the funding of the Minden Community Centre and the Village Green
Haliburton: Rotary Park with its different components — beach, park, playground — is one of the biggest contributions to the community. Haliburton Rotary has also contributed significant funds to the hospital in past campaigns and owns and maintains the locomotive on the HHSS grounds.

Regular causes: **Minden:** Adventures in Citizenship, Junior Naturalists, youth summer camp, local youth recreation programs, Artists in the School, Volunteer Dental Outreach of Haliburton County, Junior Fair Day, Lochlin Community Centre, community kitchen/food bank, Big Bike for Heart and Stroke.
Haliburton: Monthly blood donor clinics, HHSS bursary program, food bank, restoration and refurbishing of the Rail's End Gallery caboose, hospitals, library and Rotary supports individuals and organizations on an as-needed basis.

Meeting time: **Minden:** Mondays at 5:45 p.m. at the Minden Legion, Highway 35
Haliburton: Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. at the Pinestone, Haliburton.

Currently recruiting members?
Yes, anyone is welcome to join.

More information:
Minden: Betty Mark 705-286-4754
Haliburton: George Kadoke
705-754-3486 clubrunner.ca/haliburton

Algonquin Shrine Club

Date established:
In New York City, N.Y.: 1872
In Bancroft: 1987 (serving Haliburton, Minden, Bancroft, Kinmount and surrounding area)

Slogan: All that we do as Shriners, we do for our kids.

Current president: John Deak

Chapters: nearly 200

Nations: 7

Members:
Globally: 309,000
Locally: 80

Main focus: More than 20 Shriners Hospitals for Children throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico: care for children, medical research, medical education.

Local events hosted: Christmas cake sale, annual golf tournament, participate in parades, raffles.

Regular causes: Take care of local kids in need of Shriners Hospitals by providing individual transportation to the hospital and everything that's needed to get the child medical care.

Meeting time: Dinner meeting from 6:30 - 8:00 on the third Tuesday of every month Wilberforce Legion, 1007 Burleigh Rd.

Currently recruiting members?
Yes. Master masons can apply — there is no longer a requirement to be a 32nd degree Mason.

More information:
algonquinshrineclub.ca
705-488-1110

Service clubs 2016







Arcadia Masonic Lodge

Date established:
Globally: Unknown. Officially the Grand Lodge of England was founded in 1717.
In Minden: 1896

Slogan: Making good men better.

Current Master: Walter Reed

Members:
Globally: 3.2 million
Locally: 66 members

Main focus: Society of men who get together for fellowship and self improvement. The Masons are not a secret society. The Masonic Foundation of Ontario supports causes including a post-secondary bursary program, prostate cancer research and alcohol and drug awareness programs in schools.

Local events hosted: Open houses.

Regular causes: Women's shelter, food banks, South Lake Road cleanup, Canadian Blood Services, individual community needs as they arise.

Single biggest contribution to community: The Masons hold a mortgage for an addition onto the lodge that includes a facility for the Minden Community Food Centre.

Meeting time: Fourth Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Arcadia Lodge, 24 Newcastle St., Minden.

Currently recruiting members?
Yes, but men only. Families can join social events and activities.

More information:
victoriadistrictmasons.ca
705-489-1306

Lions Club

Date established:
In Chicago, Ill.: 1917
Haliburton & District: 1978
Minden & District: 1985

Motto: We serve.

Current presidents:
Haliburton & District: Ray Howlett
Minden & District: Shawn Currie

Chapters: More than 46,000

Nations: More than 210 countries

Members:
Globally: 1.35 million members
Locally: 27 Lions in Haliburton, 15 Lions in Minden.

Global focus: Vision screening and services for the vision impaired, youth programs and services, international relationships, health (service dogs, hearing impairment, service guide dogs), community, environment, disaster preparedness and relief.

Local events hosted:
Haliburton Lions: Polar Bear Challenge, Super Cash Calendar Raffle, Reading Action Program, Monthly Sing-a-Long at Extendicare and Highland Woods LTC facilities.
Minden Lions: Monthly spaghetti dinner, co-sponsors of Music by the Gull.

Single biggest contribution to community: Haliburton & District Lions have donated more than $70,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.
The Minden Lions Club purchased and ran the local doctors offices from 1995-2003.

Regular causes: Support areas of need in the community as they arise, including minor hockey, youth baseball, Fuel for Warmth, Arts Council, food bank, Camp Kirk (for youth with learning disabilities), Camp Dorset (kidney dialysis)

Meeting time:
Haliburton & District: Haliburton United Church second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. and fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Minden & District: Minden Lion's Club at 166 Bobcaygeon Rd. Dinner meeting on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from Sept-June at 7 p.m.

Currently recruiting members?
Yes.

More information:
Haliburton & District: e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburtonon/index.php
Lion David Mills: 705-457-1354
haliburtonlions@gmail.com
Minden & District: Lion Brian Moore: 705-286-3233 mindenlions@lionsa16.com

Royal Canadian Legions

Date established:
In Winnipeg: 1925
In Minden, Branch 636: 1983
In Haliburton, Branch 129: 1928
In Wilberforce, Branch 624: 1974

Slogan: There is strength and power in numbers.

Current presidents:
Minden: Judy Flieger
Haliburton: Paul Sisson
Wilberforce: Sean Cook

Chapters: 1,400

Nations: Canada

Members:
Canada-wide: 300,000
Minden: 241
Wilberforce: 300
Haliburton: 400

Global focus: Care of veterans and their families, keeping memory of sacrifices of Canadians in the cause of world peace to deter future conflicts, promotion of unity, thought and effort among all Canadians.

Local events hosted: Junk in the Trunk sale, Christmas Craft Show, daily lunches, annual veterans' dinner, passport clinic, concerts, Remembrance Day colour parade and ceremonies, darts, meat draws, blood donor clinics, card games, dances and meetings.

Regular causes: The Legions each help a variety of causes, including the Wounded Warriors veterans service organization, the Cadets, Fuel for Warmth, the K-Wing at Sunnybrook Hospital, Leave the Streets Behind homeless veterans assistance program, youth programs, and any organization in need and causes.

Meeting time:
Minden: First Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Mabel Brannigan Branch, Highway 35.
Wilberforce: Second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., 1007 Burleigh Rd.
Haliburton: Second Thursday of every month, 7:30 p.m., 719 Mountain St.

Currently recruiting members?
Yes. You don't need to be a veteran to be a Legion member.

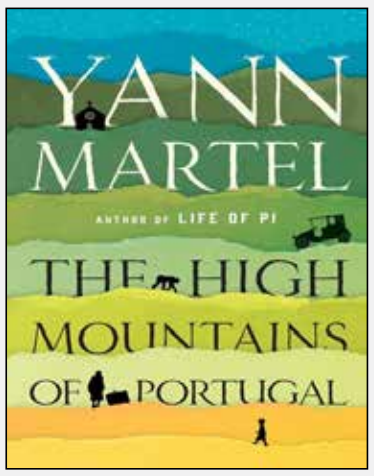
More information: legion.ca
Minden: 705-286-4541
Haliburton: 705-457-2571
Wilberforce: 705-448-2221

In the interest of space, not all events and causes could be listed.

Highlander arts

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

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2. *Breakdown* by Jonathan Kellerman
3. *Runaway* by Peter May

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2. *Cold Fire: Kennedy's Northern Front* by John Boyko
3. *The Power of I Am: Two Words That Will Change Your Life Today* by Joel Osteen

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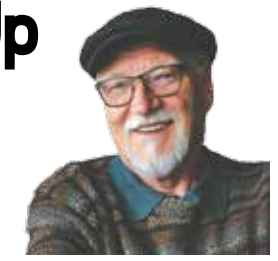
1. *Bridge Of Spies* (DVD)
2. *My Name Is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

Join us on Saturday, Feb. 13 for our "I <3 Winter" Family Story Time and Craft! Dysart starts at 10:30 a.m. and Minden at 2 p.m. Also, check out our Lego Club in Wilberforce at 1 p.m. Please remember children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

What's **Up**

Budget cuts not the only problem for Cultural Centre



By George Farrell

I've been around the Cultural Centre in Minden long enough to realize changes had to be made.

I was not at all surprised to hear Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin proposed a $100,000 reduction from the centre's $340,000 annual budget over the next two years. The Cultural Centre consists of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Nature's Place and the Minden Hills Museum.

There was a time, not so many years ago, when it was visited by busloads of tourists. When people 'oohed and aahed' at the exhibitions in the gallery and at the artifacts in the museum.

The former R.D. Lawrence Place, (now Nature's Place) effectively paid homage to an important Haliburtonian with an international reputation and it attracted visitors from near and far. A successful book club was in operation, well-known authors came to read and we had a writer in residence. One has to look no further than the accolades in the visitor's comments books to see the superlatives for the centre.

However, the feeling from the Jan. 28 council meeting is the centre is costing tax payers too much today. It's losing money due to a reduction in walk-in traffic, a less than sparkling fundraising effort and flat-lining volunteerism in recent years.

It's generally agreed the Cultural Centre is the main tourist attraction in Minden and cultural tourism is our most important industry. So what has changed to bring us to this dilemma? Well council has changed, as they periodically do. The R.D. Lawrence Place was done away with and what replaced it was never seriously re-established in people's minds. Times change, as they always do, and the more successful tourism and entertainment operations now depend on social media for marketing.

It's an area the Cultural Centre has not been able to keep up with. Why? It's never consistently had enough marketing dollars to state its case and its whereabouts in an increasingly competitive marketplace.

What needs to be done to get the number of visitors back up and the centre running smoothly? It needs a structured marketing plan. It also needs its own website, not one buried deep within the municipalities, and to be much more aggressive and competitive on social media. It needs a knowledgeable person dedicated to those areas. It needs to become an integral part of the village and not a separate entity, as it now seems. It needs more signage and/or its own kiosk downtown, which would become a 'teaser' pointing the way to more historic information, interactive exhibitions and programming, just a short walk away.

But even if those areas were addressed I don't think it would be enough. For me, the real root of the problem lies with the village of Minden itself, which remains (though I love it dearly) a pretty little village stuck in a time warp.

I am convinced we will never see the Cultural Centre realize its potential on a consistent basis without the help of the town, specifically the merchants. But the village needs to wise up. Incredibly in 2016, Minden still does not have a BIA (business improvement area). As things now stand, there are some hard-working business and property owners who are independently trying to promote Minden. They strive to keep their businesses unique, profitable and looking good to passersby. And while they might be moderately successful in attracting some visitors, the bigger picture, of merchant solidarity, and all the benefits of such a union, goes unpainted.

The Government of Ontario BIA handbook states "a BIA allows local business people and property owners to join together and, with the support of the municipality, to organize, finance and carry out physical improvement and promote economic development in their district."

With an effective BIA, the community could support new events and infrastructures that would attract more visitors. It could also help the economy by way of physical improvement to the village and by progressively promoting what we already have–the Cultural Centre being a prime example.

While the centre needs more funds, not less, to operate successfully, the township, to be fair, needs to balance the books. A BIA could help in that regard by working with the municipality in helping to make the Cultural Centre profitable.

Currently, the centre is owned and operated by the township but the Cultural Centre Advisory Committee might want to propose the centre become more autonomous – run by its own governing board – with reasonable financial support and some services still coming from the township. That way, dollars coming from fundraising, endowments, donations and bequeaths would go directly to the governing board and on to the centre itself, where it would support programming, exhibitions and events. The Rails End Gallery in Haliburton has something similar and it's doing quite well, though admittedly, it does not have a museum or a Nature's Place component. This model would also take some financial burden away from the municipality.

A more autonomous Cultural Centre would mean the Minden Hills Cultural Foundation and the Cultural Centre Advisory Committee would have to work extra hard at fundraising and creating new innovative programming concepts. But regardless of how the centre is run, in my opinion a BIA is sorely needed in Minden to assist the municipality and the centre, yes, but also to help with economic development within the community as a whole. C'mon Minden, wise up.

In the meantime people should realize the proposed cuts to the Cultural Centre are not written in stone. This is a draft budget and the Cultural Centre Advisory Committee, (already well aware of what needs to be done and presently working on a stimulus package to help increase attendance), is proposing smaller cuts to the centre's annual budget.

Budget deliberation will continue at a special meeting of council on Feb. 16 and there will also be a public meeting to be held regarding the draft budget on Feb. 25 at 9 a.m. in council chambers. Any questions regarding either meeting should be directed to Dawn Newhook, council clerk at 705-286-1260 ext 205 or email dnewhook@mindenhills.ca.



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Sage Christiano, (51) runs on to the field at the AT&T Center during the International Bowl in Texas on Feb. 5.

Teens return from international football game

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Two teens from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School returned home last week after playing in the International Bowl.

Kyle Lavergne and his teammate Sage Christiano were representatives of the Under-18 Ontario team. The two 17-year-olds travelled to AT&T Center in Dallas to take on the U.S. U-18 team. Despite the 34-3 loss, Sage's father Mark, who attended the game, said it was an incredible experience.

"It was amazing, there was so much going on, it blew by fast," Mark said.

A leg injury didn't prevent Sage from playing in the game.

"He was still able to play the snapback position," he said.

Gordon Lam of Kitchener, Ont., received the Most Valuable Player award for team Ontario. Lam had eight catches for 110 yards.

U.S. quarterback Kenny Pickett of Oakhurst, N.J., won the game's MVP award.

Pickett threw for 299 yards and three touchdowns.

The International Bowl is football's largest annual international competition.

Lavergne and Sage have played in rep and varsity leagues across Ontario. Sage most recently played with the Ontario Varsity Football League's Oshawa Hawkeyes.

Lavergne spent last summer in the Ontario Football Conference with the Peterborough Wolverines' varsity team.

In addition, they're also weighing offers made by universities that have asked them to play on their football teams. McMaster University has approached Lavergne with an offer, while Sage has met with coaches from the University of Toronto and York University.

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Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Jan. 18
MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 222 High single: Ken Thompson – 282 High single handi: Ken Thompson – 308 High triple: Claude Cote – 694 High triple handi: Ken Thompson – 729
WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 181 High single: Chris Cote – 187 High single handi: Norma Terro – 244 High triple: Chris Cote – 471 High triple handi: Karen Baird – 648

Monday evening, Jan. 18
MEN: High avg: Rick West – 225 High single: Joey Cox – 314 High single handi: Joey Cox – 328 High triple: Joey Cox – 680 High triple handi: Joey Cox – 722
WOMEN: High avg: Cathy Snell – 225 High single: Cathy Snell – 266 High single handi: Cathy Snell – 266 High triple: Cathy Snell – 679 High triple handi: Cathy Snell – 679

Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 19
MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 233 High single: Claude Cote – 269 High single handi: Jim Finlay – 312 High triple: Claude Cote – 662 High triple handi: Neil Darby – 700
WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 177 High single: Chris Cote – 234 High single handi: Irene McDowell – 288 High triple: Chris Cote – 572 High triple handi: Chris Cote – 689

Wednesday Special Olympics, Jan. 13
MEN: Ross Anderson – 156 Russell Whetstone – 128 Andrew Bourgeois – 116 Josh Fear-Thompson – 116
WOMEN: Skylar Pratt – 174 Kim Buie – 162 Sarah Hudson – 138

Thursday afternoon, Jan. 21
MEN: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 190 High single: Don Chapman – 200 High single handi: Gord Shirran – 260 High triple: Don Chapman – 508 High triple handi: Gord Shirran – 695
WOMEN: High avg: Barb Ballantyne – 183 High single: Pat Stiver – 243 High single handi: Pat Stiver – 294 High triple: Pat Stiver –611 High triple handi: Pat Stiver – 764

Friday afternoon, Jan. 22
MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 213 High single: Ken Thompson – 256 High single handi: Ken Thompson – 281 High triple: Ken Thompson – 651 High triple handi: Ken Thompson – 726
WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 176 High single: Beverly Alexander – 197 High single handi: Beverly Alexander – 254 High triple: Chris Cote – 546 High triple handi: Beverly Alexander – 698



File photo

Janine Papadopoulos teaches basic techniques to the team during their first season.

Dragon boating offers something for everyone

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

When it comes to dragon boat racing, a person's age and overall strength isn't a major factor for success.

Synchronization is the key, said Janine Papadopoulos, rowing coach for the Haliburton Highlands Paddlers.

"What's great about [dragon boat racing] is anybody can do this," Papadopoulos said, who is coaching the Paddlers for the second year in a row.

"Once you learn the skill, it's all about learning to paddle together as a boat."

Papadopoulos was one of three Dragon Boat Canada certified coaches attending the Paddlers open house on Saturday. The event was well-attended by people of all ages. They gathered at the Fish Hatchery to get information about the team's upcoming third season.

"It's great to see the diversity," she said.

The team's chair Elli Armstrong told guests at the open house no one has to fully commit to the entire summer and each practice session is its own experience.

"You can push yourself at your own pace," she said.

The Paddlers would like to see registration numbers exceed last year's total of 55 participants, but Armstrong said it would be great to have more men sign up. She said their biggest demographic is women from the ages of 45 to 65.

"We're eager to see more men join because we are a co-ed team and anyone 14 and up is welcome."

Canadian sports medicine specialist Don McKenzie spearheaded a unique campaign for breast cancer awareness in 1996. It encouraged survivors of breast cancer to join together to paddle dragon boats. Armstrong said dragon boat racing's ongoing tie to breast cancer awareness is perhaps why male registration continues to lag.

"That mindset is still in the community, so we're trying to promote the fact that it's a recreational group," she said.

The Haliburton Highlands Paddlers are not affiliated with any fundraising initiative.

Papadopoulos said the highlight for her each season is watching the group reach the point where they can propel themselves gracefully across the water.

"My role at the start of the season is very hands-on, but once they reach a certain skill level, you can feel the boat doing its job and it's like watching liquid in motion," she said.

Getting to that poetic glide across the water takes time, Papadopoulos said. Each paddle stroke is broken down to its basic movements. A drummer beats every time a paddle should enter the water. Various commands are learned, which are followed by the paddlers.

It amounts to a great workout and a great social gathering, she said.

"There's a lot of yelling and cheering," Papadopoulos laughed.

Armstrong said registered participants are only required to bring a life jacket that's approved by the Canadian Standards Association.

Drop-in opportunities are available and cost $15.

The time slots for the dragon boat season are Mondays and Wednesdays at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. and are dedicated to basic skills training.

The season begins on May 30 and, depending on the weather, wraps up near the end of September.





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Highland Storm





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Left: Bantam Highland Storm forwards chase the puck in the neutral zone on Jan. 24. Right: Players on the Bantam Highland Storm hockey team watch the action unfold on the ice against the Ennismore Eagles.

Players, coaches give it their all

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

The atmosphere is a little different in hockey arenas nowadays.

Parents are louder, the snow showers are thicker and the bruises are more frequent.

"As a trainer I'm taping up cuts and bruises, applying ice packs, but during this time of year there's simply more of it," said Greg Turner, trainer for the Bantam Highland Storm hockey team.

The second season of hockey, also known as the playoffs, began on Jan. 16 in the minor hockey association.

After a back-and-forth series with the Ennismore Eagles, the Bantams recently squeaked into the second round where they are taking on the Penetang Flames in a best of three series. The Storm has already claimed victory in Game 1.

The Bantams are one of three Storm squads remaining in the playoffs. The PeeWee A's and Novice teams are also in the mix.

"It's an entirely different time of year, everything you do means more," Turner said, referring to the action that's been unfolding on the ice.

This also means certain players get more playing time than others.

"Coaches have to strategize about that," said Bruce Griffith, storm executive member.

"The most important thing they can do though is communicate with parents and players early on in the season and let them know what they're in for so there's no surprises."

He added players can join the house league, where everybody receives equal playing time.

However, even with the slight shift in playing time, Griffith emphasized the importance of team play.

"It's definitely not an individual sport," he said. "Every player on the team has committed a lot of time to getting this far, they've travelled many hours during the season, so they all want to win."

Jesse Stoughton, assistant captain of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology's Ridgebacks and former Haliburton Huskie, said every single player has to be prepared mentally for the playoffs.

"With hockey, if a team doesn't show up, no matter where where they're placed in the standings, the other team can pull the win off," Stoughton said.

The Ridgebacks are entering the playoffs for the second straight year. Stoughton said momentum plays an enormous factor in post-season play, especially in their league's best two-out-of-three set up.

"In a two-game series, if you win that first game and can carry that momentum moving forward, you have a great chance of getting to the next round," he said.

Richie Mills, head coach of the PeeWee A Storm, said he agrees with the notion momentum plays a big role in winning playoff games. However, the home crowd presence provides his team with a big boost as well.

"When you're at home and the crowd is yelling and screaming, that really gets players pumped up," he said.

"You can feel that energy in the building."

Mills said the playoffs are also a good opportunity for teams to implement new strategies. Without giving much away, he said the PeeWee team is looking to better utilize their speed in certain areas on the ice during the second round.

Their 5-4 victory on Sunday against Penetang was a good indication their focus on speed was paying off.

Young athletes on the ice are also developing various intangible qualities during the playoffs, one of which is the ability to cope with stress.

"In the playoffs, you're sometimes in a situation where you lose one game and you're done," Griffith said. "When you're up against a better team and you're under that kind of pressure, players are learning how to cope with that pressure, learning how to make good decisions and work well as a team."

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TheHighlander 3-Stars of the Week

1 Owen Gilbert – Bantam A



Stats	G	A	GP
	3	0	2

The Highland Storm Bantam A team travelled to Ennismore on Saturday for Game 5 of their first round playoff series. The Eagles put forth a solid effort, tying the series and pushing it to Game 6, with Gilbert recording an unassisted marker in the loss. Sunday's game was back in Minden, where the Storm were out for blood. Gilbert made sure he personally escorted the Eagles out of the playoff picture, recording the only two goals of the game for the Storm, enough for a 2-1 win, and series victory.

2 Parker Simms – Tyke



Stats	G	A	GP
	2	0	2

Parker Simms and his Highland Storm Tyke teammates played a weekend doubleheader against rival Huntsville Otters, which began this past Saturday. In Game 1, the Storm and Otters were evenly matched, skating to a 3-3 tie. Sunday saw the Storm host the Otters on home ice, where, true to fashion, our Storm Tyke's blew the doors off. Simms was instrumental in leading his team to a blow out 10-1 victory, getting multiple goals in the process.

3 Lucas Haedicke – Bantam A



Stats	G	A	GP
	0	2	2

Lucas Haedicke wanted to be sure the Eagles were lucky with their 2-1 victory over the Storm on Saturday. He did that by turning into pure playmaker Sunday, recording assists on both Storm goals. He then made sure the Storm would hold the lead with timely defensive faceoff wins, as well as strong fore checking. The Storm will head to Penetang on Feb. 12 to face the Flames in Game 1 of the second round.

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Intermediates: 10 am - 11 am
Initiation 1: 11 am - 12 pm
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Highland Storm

Storm reports

Novice advance to next round

Submitted by Amber Card

The Timber Mart Highland Storm Novice came out with an amazing overtime tie against the Bracebridge Bears. The Storm hung on to a 1-1 tie to move them on to the next series against the Huntsville Otters. The lone goal was scored by Addison Carr. Congratulations on an awesome series win and good luck against the Huntsville Otters.

Next weekend the Timber Mart Highland Storm Novice team play two games against the Huntsville Otters, one on Feb. 13 in Huntsville and the second on Feb. 14 in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue arena.

Bantam team clinches playoff spot

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A team travelled to Ennismore Saturday evening feeling confident about game five. They led the series with five points, however, the Storm returned home with a 4-2 loss. The Eagles tied the series and pushed a game six.

It has been a very aggressive series against the Eagles, which resulted in many injuries and a couple of the Storm players sitting out. This game was no different – a "do or die" game for the Eagles. However, the Storm pushed back and got on the scoreboard first, early in the first period with an unassisted goal by Owen Gilbert. It didn't take long for the Eagles to snap back and tie it up.

Later in the first, during a five-on-three power play, the Storm took the lead once more. A goal by Ben Macnaull, fed by Shawn Walker, ended the first period. Both teams worked hard in the second period. With minutes left, a point shot by the Eagles was screened and the game was tied once more. That gave the Eagles some momentum and they put the pressure on, which resulted in another goal, ending the second. Hopes were still high with 15 minutes on the clock and the Storm team only down by a goal. Minutes into the third period, the Eagles took full advantage of a power play and made it 4-2. The rest of the game was well played but ultimately led to game six.

Many people came out to cheer on the team the next day in Haliburton. It was a great evening of hockey, as the home team knocked out the Ennismore Eagles 2-1, in a close and intense game six.

An action-packed and scoreless first period had everyone on the edge of their seats. Both teams started to feel the pressure in the second and it was to the Storm's advantage getting the power play. A faceoff by Lucas Haedicke in the Eagles end, pulled back to Owen Gilbert and his keen eye caught the opening for the goal. A few minutes later, the Storm dominated while on another power play and Gilbert snapped in his second goal. Passes from Haedicke and Paul Turner found Gilbert open, giving the Storm a 2-0 lead. Within minutes, the Eagles flew in and answered back with a goal. The third period was full of penalties. The Storm team held up their defensive shield and kept the Eagles at bay. Carson Sisson made some outstanding saves and all players worked hard to successfully finish off this series. The team moves onto the next round against the Penetang Flames.

Tykes tie one, win one

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

This past weekend, the Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team played a doubleheader against the Huntsville Otters.

The first game of the weekend on Feb. 6 in Huntsville was a great test for the Storm. It was an extremely tight game with no room for error for either squad. The Otters opened the scoring first taking a 1-0 lead but the Storm answered back with two more goals. The game went right down to the wire ending in a 3-3 tie. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder kept the Storm in tight and goals were scored by Jace Mills and Josh Scheffee. Finally a great test for the Tyke team.

The rematch on Feb. 7 was set to be a battle based on the outcome the previous day. This time in Minden, the Tyke team responded with a vengeance. The Storm scored first and didn't look back. Excellent skating, passing and defensive play led to many outstanding scoring chances. The Storm dominated play and capped off the weekend with a 10-1 victory over the Otters. Goals were scored by Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston, Mills, Scheffee and Parker Simms. It was another solid goaltending performance by Winder.

Congratulations Storm on another great weekend of hockey!

PeeWee As win first of their series

Submitted by Trevor Maddock

The Joanne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm PeeWee A boys began the second round of playoffs against the Penetang Flames Feb. 7, a confident team who swept the Oro Thunder in round one.

The Storm started controlling play by taking the puck wide and spreading out the Flames' defense, allowing space down the middle of the ice. The Storm struck first with two goals just one and a half minutes apart, first Tyson Clements, from Aiden Neave, and then Joe Boice from Alex Little and Darian Maddock. The hard-nosed play continued and Little added another, with assists from Neave and Boice. When asked what he liked about his team's performance, head coach Richie Mills said he was happy with the way his team came out flying and how they executed and stuck to the game plan.

At the end of the first, the Storm were up 3-0 and commanding the game. Entertaining hockey continued in the second, as space and time was at a premium and the two teams went hard at each other, equally tough to play against.

In the second period, the Flames put up three goals in less than two and a half minutes, despite having few quality scoring chances. The Storm skaters deserve tremendous credit as they stayed positive and focused on what they needed to do, applying pressure and making simple smart plays, getting the puck deep in the corners. Boice reclaimed the lead with four minutes remaining in the second with helpers from, Nick Phippen, and Ty Mills, who stood out all game with his fantastic performance.

At the flood the Storm were up 4-3, with a period to play. As predicted the two teams showed why they both swept their opening rounds, with remarkable play on both sides of the puck and both displaying a belief and desire that can only be admired.

The excitement was thrilling in the almost full arena as each and every fan sat or stood enthralled. Bounces prove to go each way, and with seven minutes left, the Flames dumped the puck in for a line change which found the back of the Storm's net and tied the game back up at four a piece. The period played out and the two teams were destined for overtime, but only 1:49 into the extra frame, team captain Little ended it with a beauty goal, assist coming from Dylan Keefer.

PeeWee AEs eliminated from playoffs

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

The Walkers Heating and Cooling Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team Storm PeeWee AEs were officially eliminated from the Muskoka-Parry Sound playoffs on Tuesday night against the Huntsville Otters by a score of 6-3.

The team gave it their all going into the third period in a do-or-die situation, tied at one. The Otters scored three goals quickly in the third to take a 4-1 lead, but the Storm refused to surrender popping in two of their own to make it 4-3 and setting up for a thrilling final eight minutes before the Otters put the game out of reach. Storm goals were from Brendan Coumbs with two and Tyler Martin.

The team bonded so well over the course of the season and some wonderful friendships were made. The coaches are hoping to line up another exhibition game or two before the team hangs up their skates for the season. On behalf of all the parents and caregivers of the PeeWee AE team, thank you players and coaches. We had just as much fun watching and cheering you all on.

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In search of a new perspective, a family of five leaves the comforts of home to live in the Yukon wilderness during the long northern winter. The parents leave their jobs and take their three children, ages 10, 8 and 4, to spend nine months in a small cabin with no road access, no electricity, no running water, no Internet, no TV, no phone and, most importantly, no clocks or watches. Featuring the unique perspectives of the children, *All the Time in the World* explores the theme of disconnecting from our hectic and technology-laden lives in order to reconnect with ourselves, each other, and our natural environment.





HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD
1:30 PM - 110 min

In 1971 a brave group of young activists set sail from Vancouver in an old fishing boat. Their mission: to stop Nixon's atomic bomb. It was from these humble but courageous beginnings the global organization we now know as Greenpeace was born. Chronicling the fascinating untold story behind the modern environmental movement, this gripping film tells the story of eco-hero Robert Hunter and how he, alongside a group of like-minded and idealistic young friends in the '70s, would be instrumental in altering the way we now look at the world and our place within it.



MERU
4:00 PM – 90 min

Gripping visually as well as narratively, this rare documentary proves thought-provoking while offering thrilling wide-screen vistas. Sitting 21,000 feet above the sacred Ganges River in Northern India, Mount Meru's perversely stacked obstacles make it both a nightmare and an irresistible calling. Three elite climbers struggle to find their way through obsession and loss as they attempt to climb one of the most coveted prizes in the high stakes game of Himalayan big wall climbing. MERU is the story of an expedition through nature's harshest elements, complicated inner demons, and ultimately on to impossible new heights.



BLIND SPOT: MOMENTS UNSEEN
7:30 PM – 90 min
Followed by Q&A with Director Stefan Morel & Producer Leslie Haller

There is more to seeing than sight. This award-winning vision-quest documentary features three visually impaired adventurers who journey by horseback into the heart of the Andes. The environment awakens the blind riders' and their sighted guides' untapped senses. This juxtaposition of perceptions expands our perspective on how to interpret everyday obstacles. *Blind Spot: Moments Unseen* defies the conventional views on blindness to chronicle a voyage of self-discovery: what we see, what we can't see, and what we overlook.

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Municipality of Highlands East, Municipal Office
2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce, ON K0L 1A0
Attention: Shannon Hunter, Chief Administrative Officer

Tender Forms will be opened on Thursday, February 25, 2016, after closing at 1:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

Deadline for Tender Submissions: Thursday, February 25, 2016, 1:00 pm
Specifications for the above work can be obtained at the Municipal Office located at 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce, Ontario during regular office hours 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or the municipal website, www.highlandseast.ca.
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EVENTS

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HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS Stroke Support Group meets the third Thursday of each month at the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest, Minden 10:00am-noon. (TFN)

EVENTS

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP open to anyone who has been diagnosed with or survived cancer. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital from 1:00–3:00pm. Please contact Lynn Higgs Thompson 705-457-2941 for more information.

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EVENTS

MAPLE LAKE UNITED CHURCH Musical evening. Saturday, February 13, 2016 7:30 pm. Refreshments provided. Interested in performing? Call Kathleen 705-754-3558.

HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS FIELD NATURALISTS Tuesday February 16 at 12:00pm. Haliburton Highlands Museum. Potluck lunch and enjoy a session of photos, short nature 'tails' and other presentations by members. Free admission, please bring a potluck food item. Call Gus 705-286-6570 for more details.

EVENTS

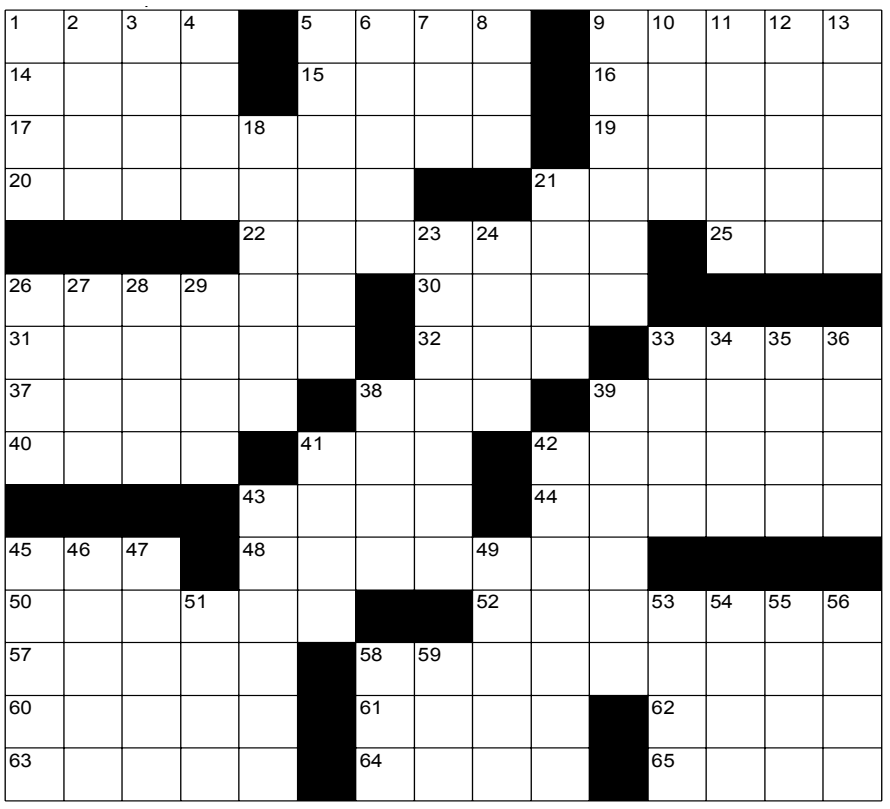
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ACROSS

1. Guitarist's aid
5. Recipe measures (abbr.)
9. Steeple
14. Forewarning
15. Lily species
16. Mexican coins
17. For each person (2 wds.)
19. Angels' headwear
20. Went in
21. India's Mother ____
22. Maker
25. Pig's pad
26. Despise
30. Ceremonial act
31. Concurred
32. Hive dweller
33. Young sheep
37. More parched
38. Accomplished
39. Cavalry sword
40. Actor ____ Penn
41. Bathroom rug
42. Worship
43. Not common
44. Wiped clean
45. Chart
48. Drastic
50. Graduates
52. Idaho's neighbor
57. Earn
58. Grew larger
60. Amphitheater
61. Feels remorse
62. Spoke falsely
63. Hard metal
64. Leg joint
65. Autos

DOWN

1. Deal (with)
2. Prayer's end
3. Cheeky
4. Single time
5. Narrowed
6. Playground fixture
7. Cooking vessel
8. Watery expanse
9. Orb
10. Juicy fruit
11. The British ____
12. Hen's perch
13. Writing assignment
18. Robin Hood, e.g.
21. Haul
23. Judge
24. Bound
26. Young men
27. Fairy-tale fiend
28. Met solo
29. Young adult
33. Volcanic emission
34. Lincoln, et al.
35. Simple
36. Raised dogs
38. Pub missile
39. Peaceful
41. Long skirt
42. Regret
43. Leased apartment
45. Mothers
46. Observant
47. Thick soup
49. Roast host
51. Coal source
53. Bath powder
54. India's continent
55. Not ever, poetically
56. Finds a sum
58. Annoy
59. Habit wearer

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

File No. SRA-14-02: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9754, registered July 21, 2015.

File No. SRA-14-08: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9773, registered September 11, 2015.

File No. SRA-14-10: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9773, registered September 11, 2015.

File No. SRA-14-11: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9807, registered January 6, 2016.

File No. SRA-15-05: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Clear Lake, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9779, registered September 18, 2015.

File No. SRA-15-10: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyers Lake, lying in front of Lot 28, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9776, registered September 17, 2015.

File No. SRA-15-11: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9809, registered January 14, 2016.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on Thursday, February 25, 2015.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 4th day of February, 2016.

Ian Clendening, MPl.
Planner

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There are so many people we would like to thank, the PSWs, nurses, Dr. Norm Bottum and so many more. Thank you cannot express the deep appreciation for the care, compassion and dignity you all gave to our Mom, grandmother, great-grandmother Doreen Rowbottom. You came into our lives as strangers and soon felt like family.

Thank you for all that you do.

The Rowbottom & Musclow Families

OBITUARIES



Doreen Louise ROWBOTTOM

Peacefully, at her home in Highland Grove, surrounded by her family, on Monday, December 28, 2015. Doreen Rowbottom, age 84, was the beloved wife of the late Donald Rowbottom (2008). Loving mother of Susan Musclow (Iner) of Highland Grove, Donald Rowbottom of Haliburton, Gail Hutchison of British Columbia, and Paul Rowbottom (Mary Ellen) of Harcourt. Predeceased by her daughter Brenda Teusink (2006). Loved grandmother of Sara, Holly, Julia, Collin, John, Ricky and Andy. Great-grandmother of John, David, Max and Vincent. Sister of Barbara. At Doreen's request, there will be no visitation or funeral services. Cremation has taken place at Lakefield Crematorium.

As expressions of sympathy, donations to a Charity of Choice would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to M.G. Daly Funeral Home, Maynooth.

(Cards available at the funeral home 613-338-3259 or e-mail condolences to dalyfuneralhome@bellnet.ca or visit www.mgdalyfuneralhome.com).



In Loving Memory of

Frank Grant Thom

Born on February 15, 1941 at Scarborough, Ontario
Died peacefully on February 7, 2016 at the Haliburton Hospital.

Predeceased by his parents, Anne Booth Thom and Francis Grant Thom both of Scotland, by his older sister Betty and by his brother Sandy. Fondly remembered by his sister Nancy and many nieces and nephews. Frank was a loving father (foster Dad) to Schuyler Mills and he will also be missed by his many friends.

Friends are invited to a Celebration of Frank's Life at an open house at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd., Haliburton on Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 1:00 until 4:00 pm with a time to share stories at 2:00 pm and also enjoy his many photos, one of the many talents he shared most recently with the community. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations can be made to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services - Community Care Haliburton County (HHHSF) or to your favourite Charity, knowing of Frank's gratitude and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Thomas 'Tom' Rivers

(Resident of Tory Hill, Ontario)

Tragically as a result of a snowmobiling accident on Friday evening, January 29, 2016 in his 54th year. Cherished son of the late Sam & Dorothy Rivers. Loving brother of Virginia (Dennis Tully) and Susan (Larry Ellison) all of Tory Hill. Fondly remembered by nephews Andy, James, Elliotte, David, and by his nieces Tammy and Sandy. Tom worked for the Wilberforce Garage and Direct Pellet Industries. He enjoyed fixing machinery, fishing, ski-dooing, and the Haliburton Highlands and most of all his family.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **LLOYD WATSON CENTRE** Wilberforce. Ontario on Saturday morning, February 13, 2016 for a Memorial Service at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow. We invite you to bring a memory of Tom with you when you come. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Wilberforce Food Bank or the Gideon Bible Society would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

Haliburton Community Funeral Home
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Highlander events

Poker run drives $7K into fire department

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer



Photo submitted by Peter Schleifenbaum

Arlene Killam from Burlington (seated) won a new snowmobile at the annual fundraising event.

Fears of lack of snow drove down the numbers in this year's Haliburton Forest Snowmobile Poker Run, but $7,000 was still raised for the Dysart fire department.

This year, about 340 participants took part in the 27th annual fundraiser on Feb. 6, compared to an average of about 600 entrants, who raised $5,000 last year.

"Our trails are in good condition, but many snowmobilers could not believe that," said Peter Schleifenbaum, event founder and owner of Haliburton Forest, where the ride takes place. "Overall we did have good conditions for snowmobiling across our trail system, making this day a special one for snowmobiling."

The popular event has raised almost $200,000 in its time. For the first 15 years it supported the Hospital Auxiliary. It switched to the Haliburton Fire and Rescue Association when they were looking to buy specialized rescue equipment.

The association doesn't have a specific purchase in mind, but is discussing how to best use the proceeds, according to Miles Maughan, Dysart et al fire Chief.

In the past, donations from the event have been used to help purchase rescue equipment separate from the essential equipment bought by the municipality.

"To the benefit of all outdoor enthusiasts including snowmobilers, this ride has been a great benefit," stated a press release from the Haliburton Fire and Rescue Association. "It directly purchased our first rescue snowmobile and ATV."

Participants ride the trails throughout the forest to stops where they collect tokens. At the end of the ride they turn the tokens in for a draw of a poker hand. This year, Arlene Killam from Burlington won a 2016 Ski-Doo Renegade Sport snowmobile with a straight flush.

Association members take part in the event by looking after a check-in stop at Lost Lake. When sledders make it to that point, they are usually greeted by hot chili and homemade chicken vegetable soup.

"It is a great day and enjoyed by all the firefighters that ride in," said the press release. "With the frost hanging on the trees, what could be better?"

Haliburton Forest has approximately 400 km of trails available to snowmobilers. For more information, visit haliburtonforest.com.

New members at the Minden Legion



Photo by Sue Tiffin

From left, Rick Wilson, Branch 636 membership chairperson, and new members Elizabeth Sluyters, Ron Sluyters, Joyce Wiltshire, Fred Hartlen, Linda Evans, Andrew Messner and Branch 636 president Judy Flieger.

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Six new members were initiated into the Royal Canadian Legion in Minden on Feb. 6.

The members joined the Mabel Brannigan branch after pledging allegiance to the Queen and country.

"Members are the life, heart and energy of the legion," said Jan Briggs-McGowan, spokesperson for Branch 636. "Locally, we could not function without our many dedicated volunteers who renovate the building, serve lunches, prepare special events, serve on the executive and most importantly, work on the poppy campaign every year."

There are 241 Minden Legion members and more than 300,000 members across Canada.

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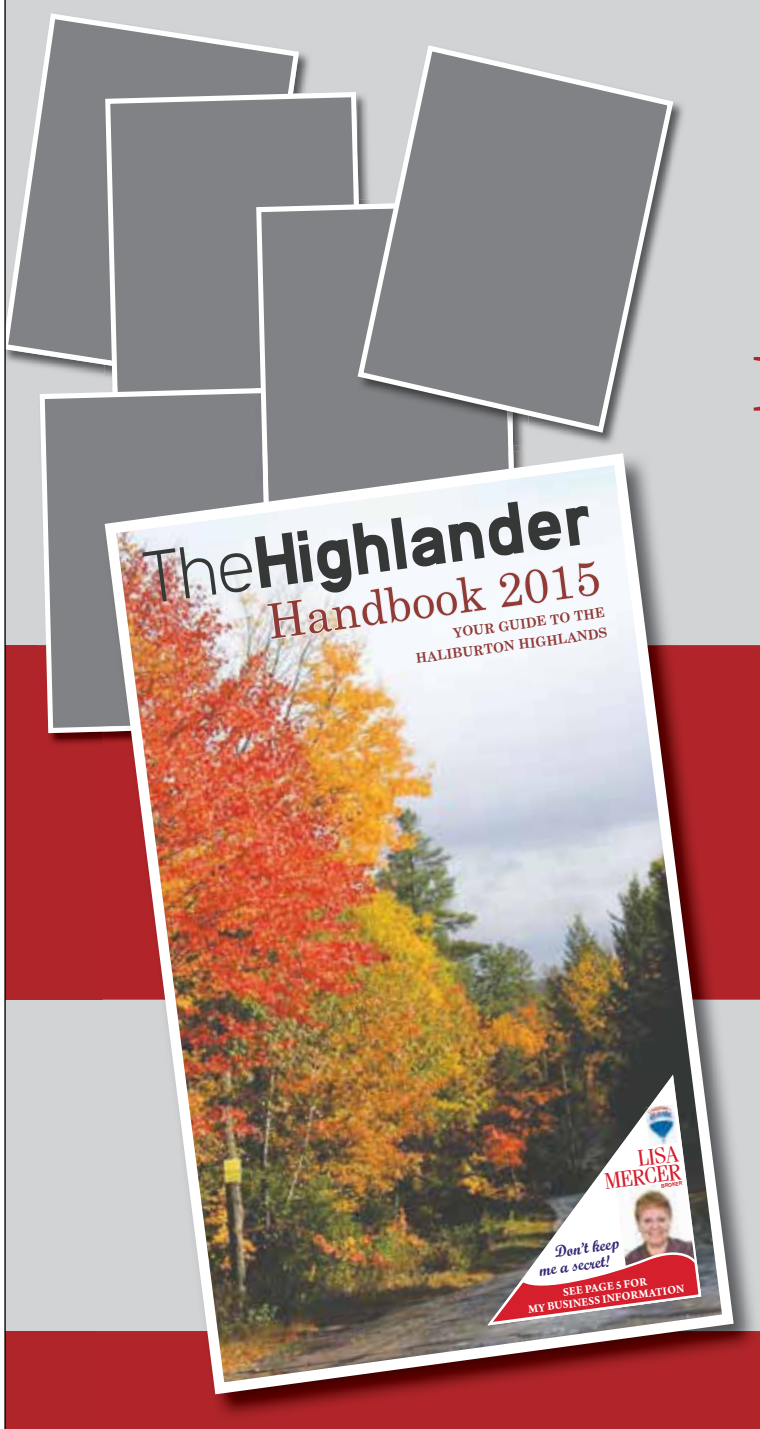
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Highlander events





Photos by Sue Tiffin

Left: The HHSS Interact Club represented as the most spirited team. Right: The Rainbow Team were a colourful bunch at the Places for People bowlathon.

Bowlers raise money for affordable housing

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The teams at the Places for People bowl-a-thon on Saturday were so enthusiastic a game of rock-paper-scissors was needed to break a tie for the most spirited team award.

The Interact Club beat the Rainbow team with a pair of scissors. In the end, the non-profit housing organization won with the annual event raising more than $3,000.

The money will benefit Places for People and its efforts to buy and renovate a fourth affordable rental property for tenants in need in Haliburton County.

The organization has helped to settle families into three renovated houses in Minden, Carnarvon and Haliburton since 2008. It hopes to find a property in Highlands East for its next project.

About 235,000 Canadians experience homelessness every year, according to bowl-a-thon coordinator and Places for People board member, Nancy Therrien. This does not include the "hidden homeless," who temporarily sleep on friends' couches, of whom there are many in the county said Therrien.

"According to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, one in five rental households in Canada spends more than half their income on rent," she said. "So there is a need for affordable housing."

The bowl-a-thon was held at Fast Lane Bowling in Minden. Places for People also host a Hootenanny in the spring and the Highland Yard race in August.

For more information, visit placesforpeople.ca, email info@placesforpeople.ca or call 705-286-3592.



Photo by Sue Tiffin

Albert Saxby played two seatings at the Grill on the Gull.

Songwriter dinner series off to a good start

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

A dinner crowd at the Grill on the Gull listened intently to Albert Saxby as he shared stories about his songs and strummed tunes last Saturday.

Saxby opened the 2016 Songwriter Dinner Series, which offers audiences the chance to hear the stories behind songs of local songwriters during dinner at the Minden restaurant.

He told the audience he writes songs from different perspectives and tries not to write about the same theme very often. He entertained the crowd with a varied set list including a song about abusive relationships, one about heartbreak and another with a lyric about a dashboard Jesus that Saxby had wanted to use for years. Audience members asked Saxby questions about his music.

"I think this series will prove to be an excellent way of exposing the inner workings of songwriting in general, and specifically the tremendous talent we have here in the county," said Shawn Chamberlin, Grill on the Gull owner.

The next night in the series takes place on March 5 with Trina West.

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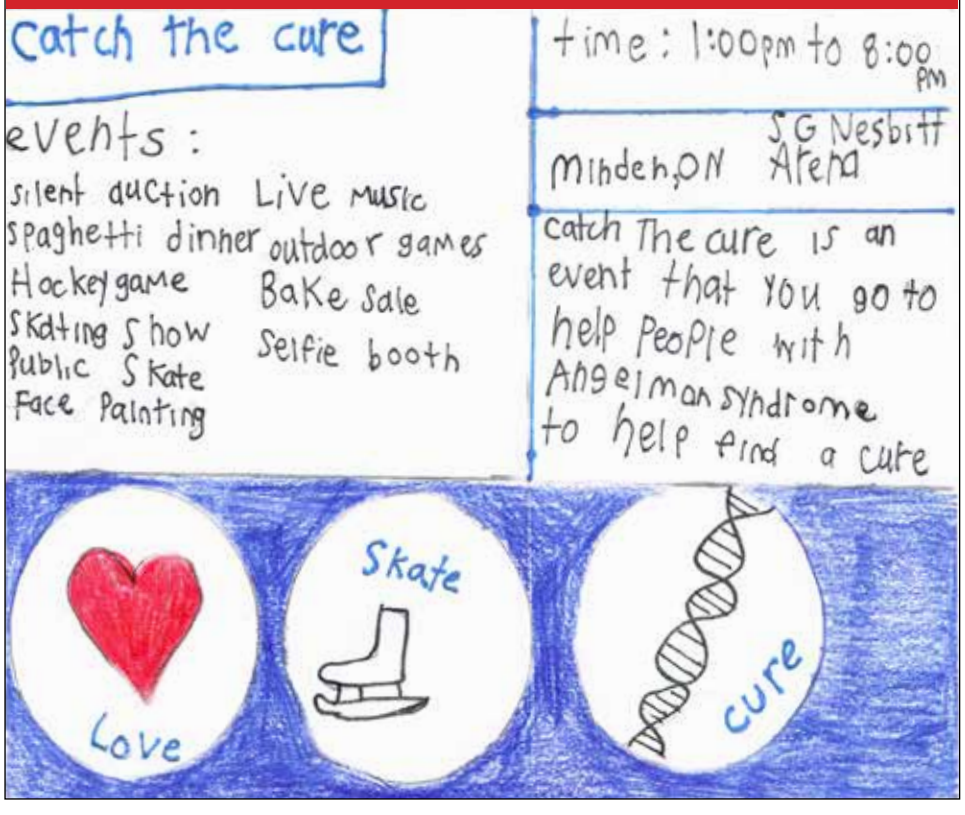
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CATCH THE CURE - Feb. 13 at 1 p.m. until 8 p.m.



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FRI 12	**PICKLE BALL** – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm
SAT 13	**HALIBURTON LAND TRUST** – Dahl Forest 1307 Geeza Road, Gelert – 10:00am – 12:00pm $5 per adult Maple Lake United Church – **MUSICAL EVENING** – 7:30pm - Refreshments
SUN 14	Coboconk Legion - **COUNTRY JAMBOREE** 1:00pm – 5:00pm - $8.00 Open Mic and Light lunch available. **LIBRARY** – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm **FLYING CLUB** – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm
MON 15	**DORSET REC CENTRE** closed for Family Day **FAMILY DAY** – Get Together and Have Fun!
TUES 16	**TAOIST TAI CHI** – Zion United Church Carnarvon – 10:00am – 12:00pm Call 705-457-5829 **SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE** - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca **PICKLE BALL** – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm **LIBRARY** – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm **HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS FIELD NATURALISTS** – Haliburton Museum – 12:00pm – Potluck/show and tell
WED 17	**TAOIST TAI CHI** – Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Call 705-457-5829 **LIBRARY** – Dorset Rec Centre – 2:00pm – 6:00pm
THURS 18	**TAOIST TAI CHI** – Haliburton United Church – 10:00am – 12:00pm - Call 705-457-5829 **SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE** - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca
FRI 19	**DORSET FAMILY SKATING PARTY** – 6:00pm – 9:00pm – Dorset Ice Palace
SAT 20	**DORSET SNOWBALL WINTER CARNIVAL** – Starts at 8:00am – Dorset Rec Centre
SAT 21	**FREE PUBLIC SKATING** – Keith Tallman Arena – 12:30pm – 2:00pm

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH
General meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.
Meat draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. $2/draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC
Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m.
Friday fun darts, 4:30 p.m.
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.
Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., $6/person. Occasional volunteers needed.
Bridge, Monday 1 p.m.
Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, doors 6 p.m., $500 jackpot, $1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month
Live entertainment Feb. 20, 4-7 p.m., Haliburton County's own Scotty Gartshore at the Haliburton Legion Club Room. the 50/50 draw at 6 p.m. $5 cover for non-members.

MINDEN BRANCH
Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m.
Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.
Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.
Big Euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, $12
Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-5p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)
Meat Draws, Wednesday lunch time.
Thursday take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and to place your order.

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Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday
Jam session, 7:30 p.m., Friday
Meat Draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp
L.A. Breakfast, Sunday, treat your sweetie to breakfast
Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
Fun Darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Old Fashioned Tea hosted by The Youth League, Saturday, Feb. 13, 12:00-3:00 p.m.
Valentine's Dance, Saturday, Feb. 13, 9 p.m. – close with DJ – Dale Allison.
Ken McFarlane Memorial Lake Trout Ice Fish Derby, Saturday, Feb. 28 - $15/person, one fish per entry, weigh in from 3-6 p.m. – Recipients must be present to win cash prizes. For further information, call the branch at 705-448-2221 or Garry

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What's on



File photo

Families at last year's Catch the Cure in Minden.

Catch the Cure unites community

By Mark Arike
Staff writer
With files from Matthew Desrosiers

The third annual Catch the Cure fundraiser for Angelman Syndrome (AS) is all about community.

"The event is less about raising large amounts of money and more about bringing the community together," says Sue Tiffin, event co-organizer and mother to three-year-old Harper, who has AS.

The event has raised more than $34,000 for the Foundation for Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics (FAST) in the past two years. The volunteer-run organization, based in Illinois, supports research to help find a cure for the condition.

AS is "a severe neurological disorder characterized by profound developmental delays, problems with motor coordination and balance, and epilepsy," says the foundation website.

It affects about one in 150,000 people, said Tiffin, who is also a reporter for *The Highlander*.

It's not easy living with AS. Hospital visits have become routine for the Tiffins.

Tiffin's daughter, Harper, has epilepsy that's difficult to treat. "She [Harper] was airlifted to CHEO (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario) last summer after doctors at the Minden hospital had to put her into a coma and on life support in order to stop a seizure," she explains. "Otherwise she is thriving—she is getting stronger every day and is a superstar at daycare where she is loved by her teachers and peers."

In 2014, Tiffin joined forces with Bethan McCutcheon, another local mom with two young sons who have AS. They decided to host the event on International Angelman Day, Feb. 15.

This year's event will be held this Saturday Feb. 13 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. It will include indoor and outdoor activities, including a silent auction, public skating, a snowman contest and tobogganing.

Hockey fans will want to check out the Highland Storm face off against teachers from Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

"The event has grown huge, with extra activities and more than 100 silent auction items," says Tiffin.

Some of the big ticket items include a golf foursome at Angus Glen, legal fees for the sale of a house and an autographed Billy Smith jersey.

Several individuals and organizations have already lent their support. For example, this is the second year the Minden and District Lions Club is hosting the spaghetti dinner. It will donate half the proceeds to Catch the Cure and put the rest into community projects. And the Township of Minden Hills is offering the arena at no cost.

"There's absolutely no way we could pull it off without the organizations, service clubs, businesses and individuals who jump in to help," she says.

In the weeks leading up to the fundraiser, local business owners have taken it upon themselves to launch their own initiatives. Dollo's Foodland in Minden is running a donation campaign, Just Movement Fitness is offering fitness classes on the day of with proceeds going to FAST and the Pioneer Baptist Church in Norland is donating proceeds from this month's community dinner to Catch the Cure. Proceeds from a hockey game in Gravenhurst featuring the Muskoka Shield Junior A hockey team will also be donated to the event.

There is something for everyone at Catch the Cure, says Tiffin.

"It's really a win-win for everyone who is involved, from those making it happen to those participating."

The doors are open from 1 to 8 p.m. Admission is by donation. The spaghetti dinner is $10 per person, children five and under eat free.

For more information about the event visit catchthecure.ca or call Tiffin at 705-917-2528.

To learn more about FAST visit cureangelman.net.



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